

# EAST HELENA ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

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# YOUR DISTRICT.....YOUR RATIONALE

- ◉ What's driving this change in your district?
- ◉ What brought you here?
- ◉ What may cause some hesitation in your district?
- ◉ As of this afternoon, what questions do you still have? How long is this guy going to talk? 😊



## Full Day Kindergarten

Each  
school/district  
taking its own  
path.

# EAST HELENA' S JOURNEY

- ◎ “Too much to do in too little time!” cried the kindergarten teachers.....Feb. 2004. Prior to September 2004, kindergarten in East Helena was 165 minutes daily
- ◎ March 2004 Rapid City trip.....brainstorm

# EAST HELENA KDG. TIMELINE

19?? to June 2004

½ day kindergarten



Sept. 04 to June 05

6 full day, every other day kindergarten



Sept. 05 to June 06

3 FDED and 3 FDEOD  
(free or \$1320/yr)



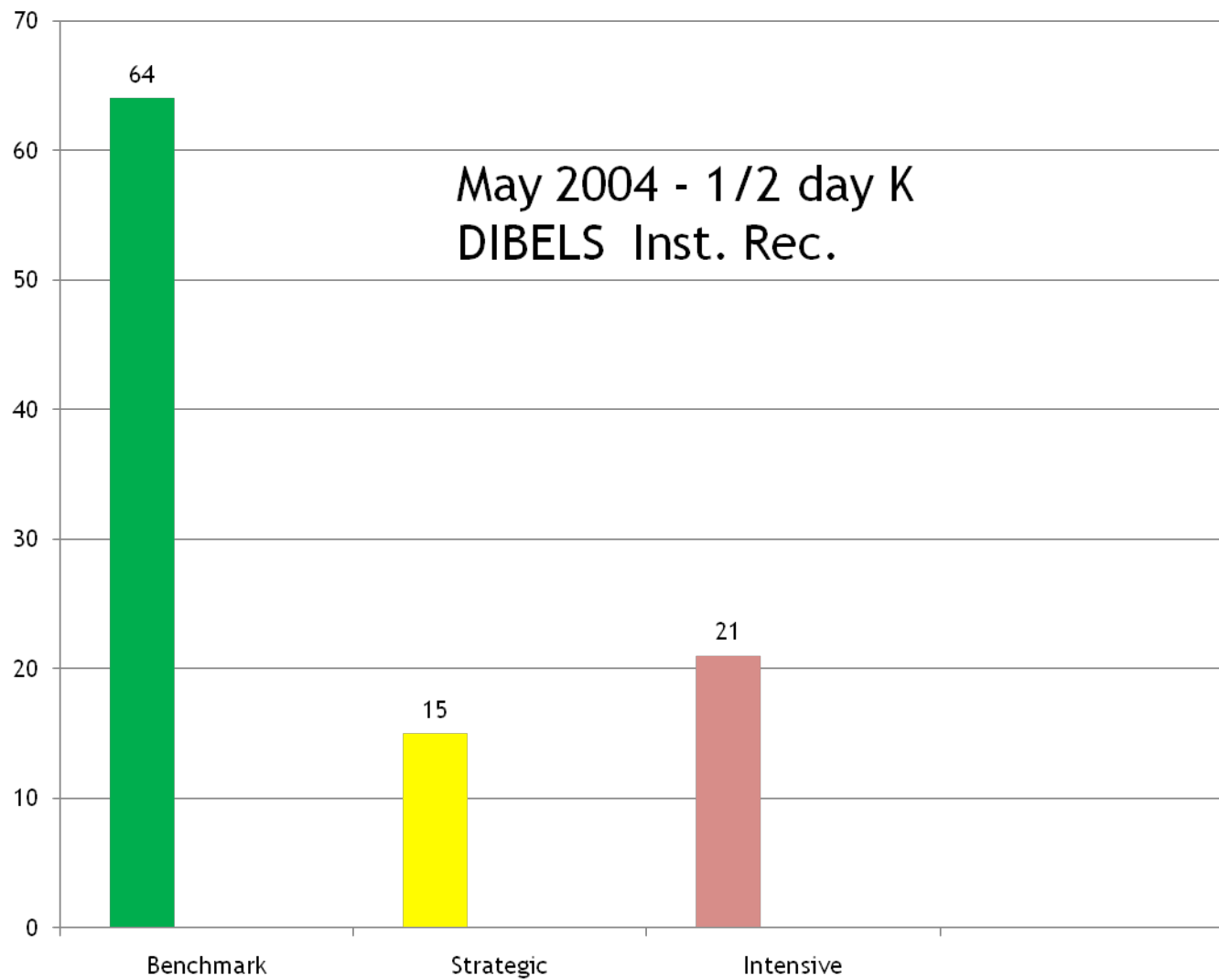
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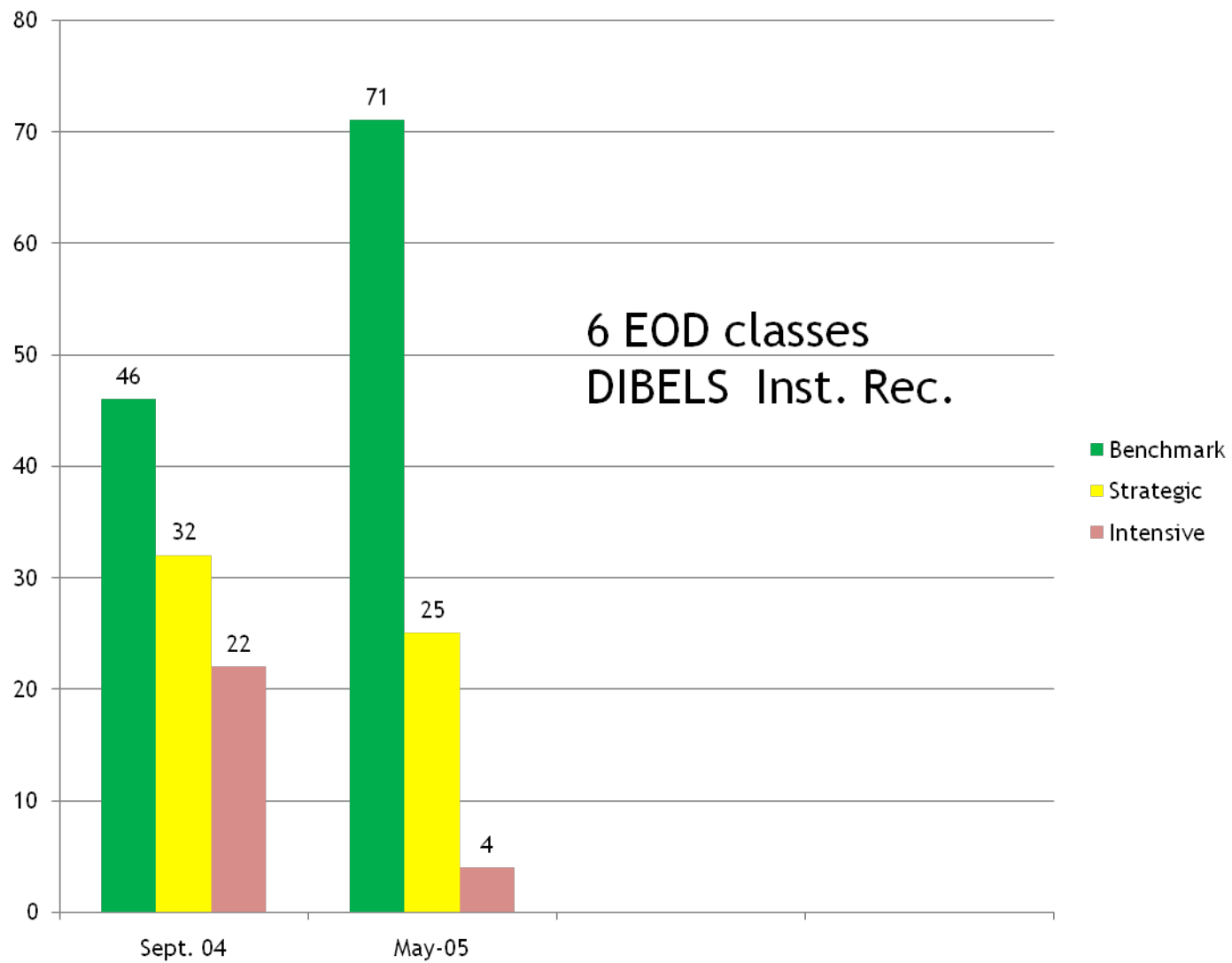
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Sept. 07 to ??

7 FDED

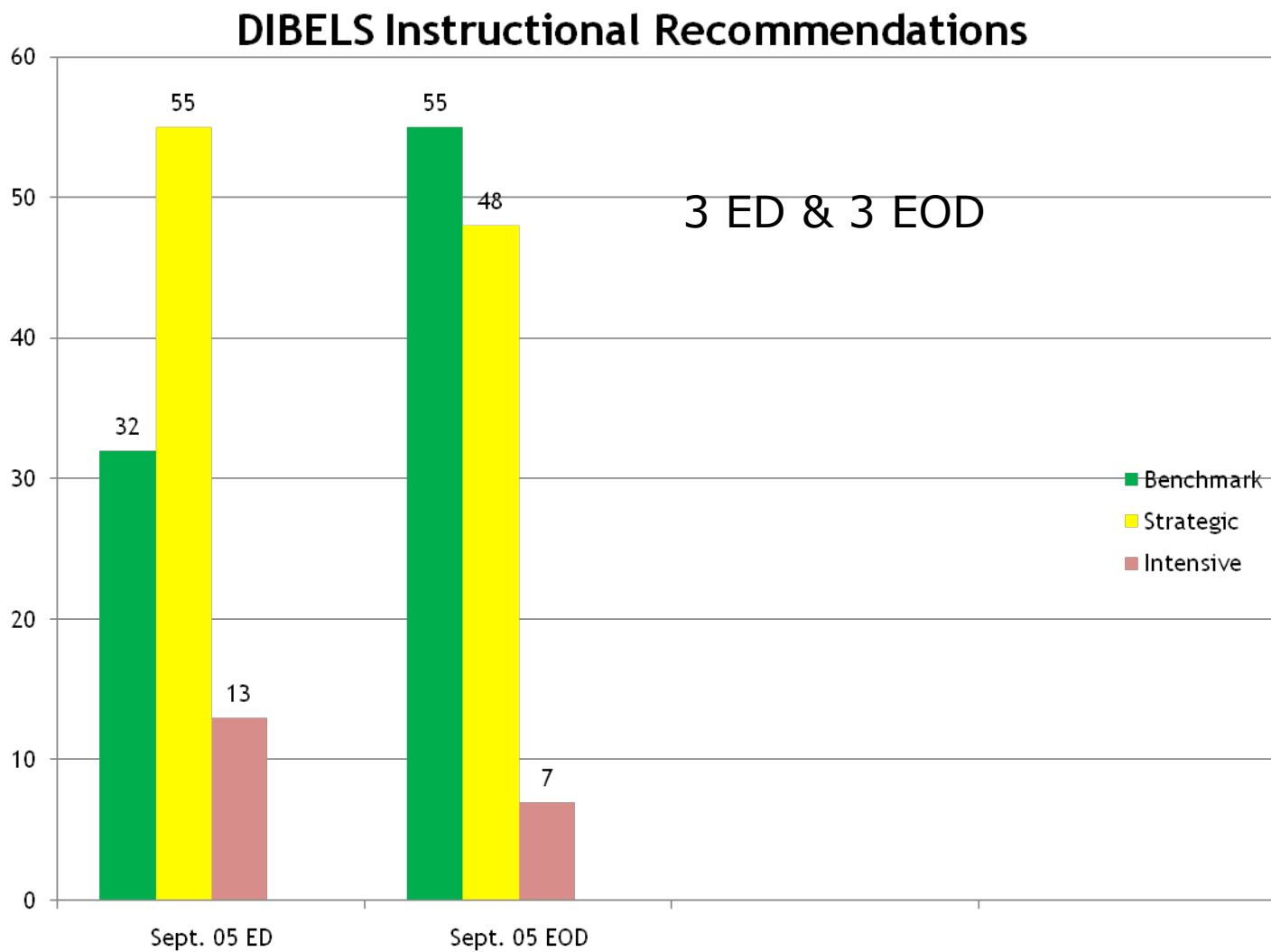




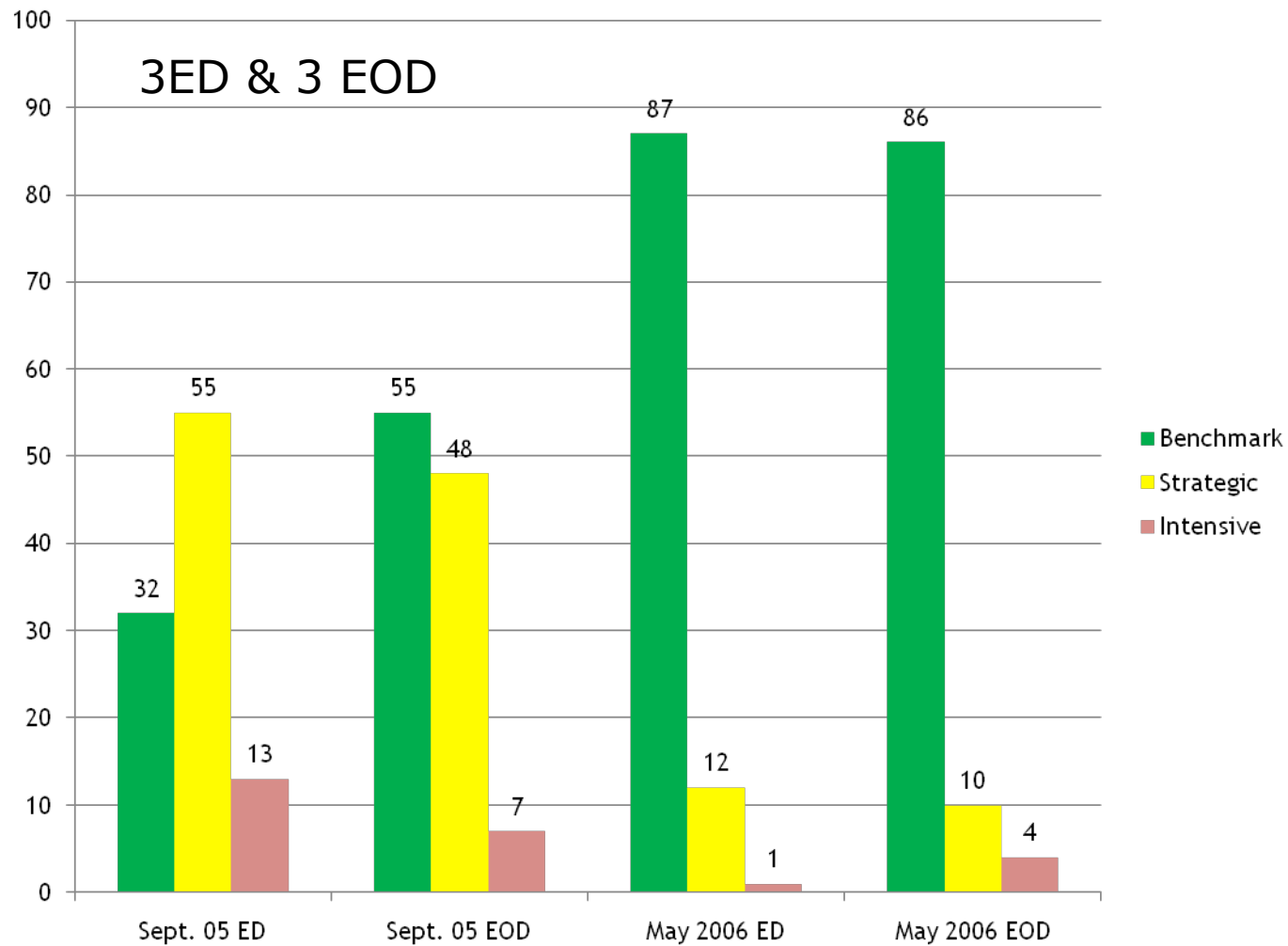
# WHY MOVE TOWARDS FULL DAY CLASSES?

- ◉ Needed more student contact time.
- ◉ Recent scientific research on the plasticity of the human brain from 0-8....neurons forming synapses
- ◉ Overwhelming research benefits of FDED programs versus other models.
- ◉ If a child's not reading at grade level by the end of grade 1, 13% (1 in 8) chance of ever catching up.
- ◉ East Helena failed to make AYP in 2003-04 - low income students.
- ◉ 65% of nations kindergartners in FDED classes.

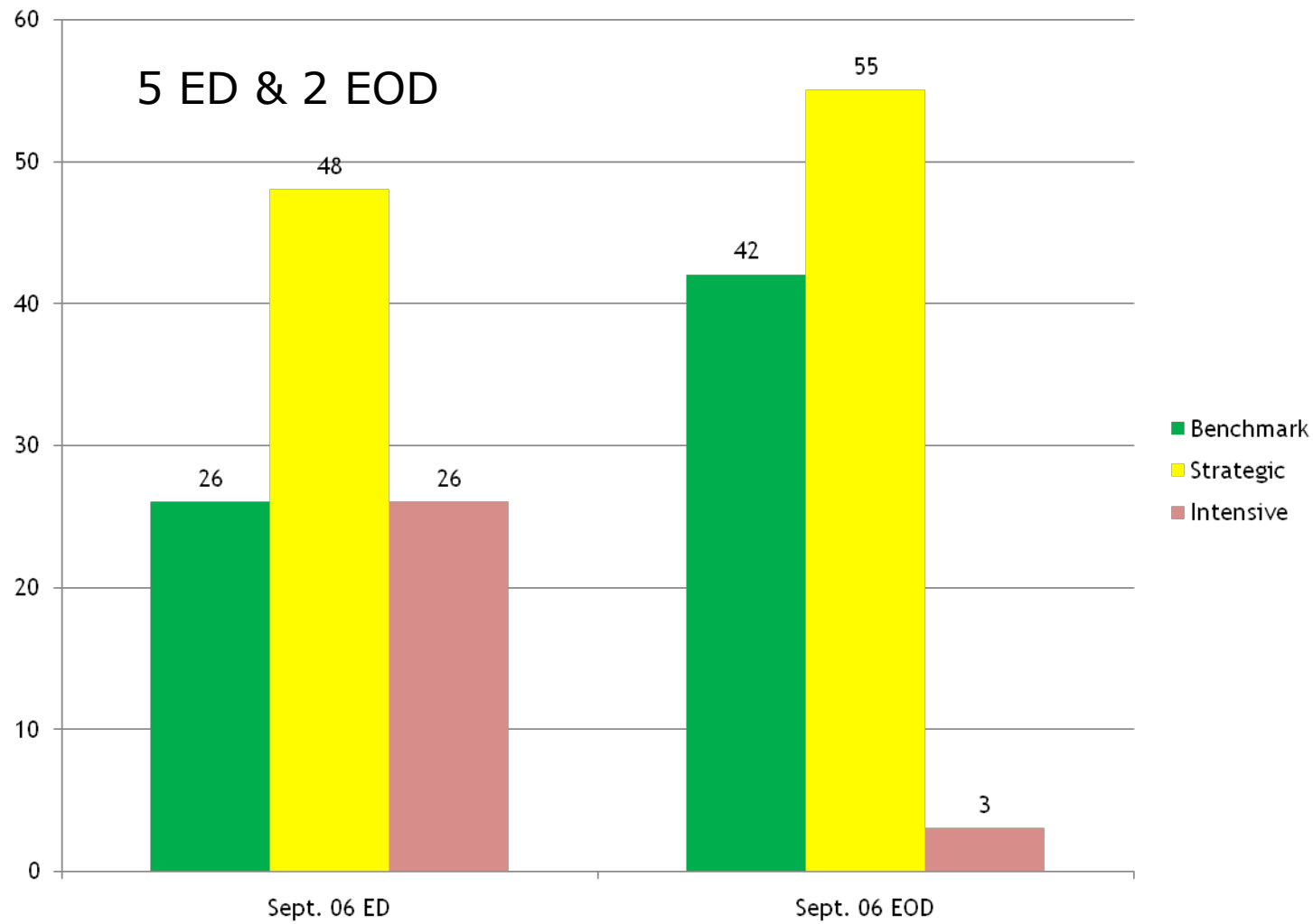




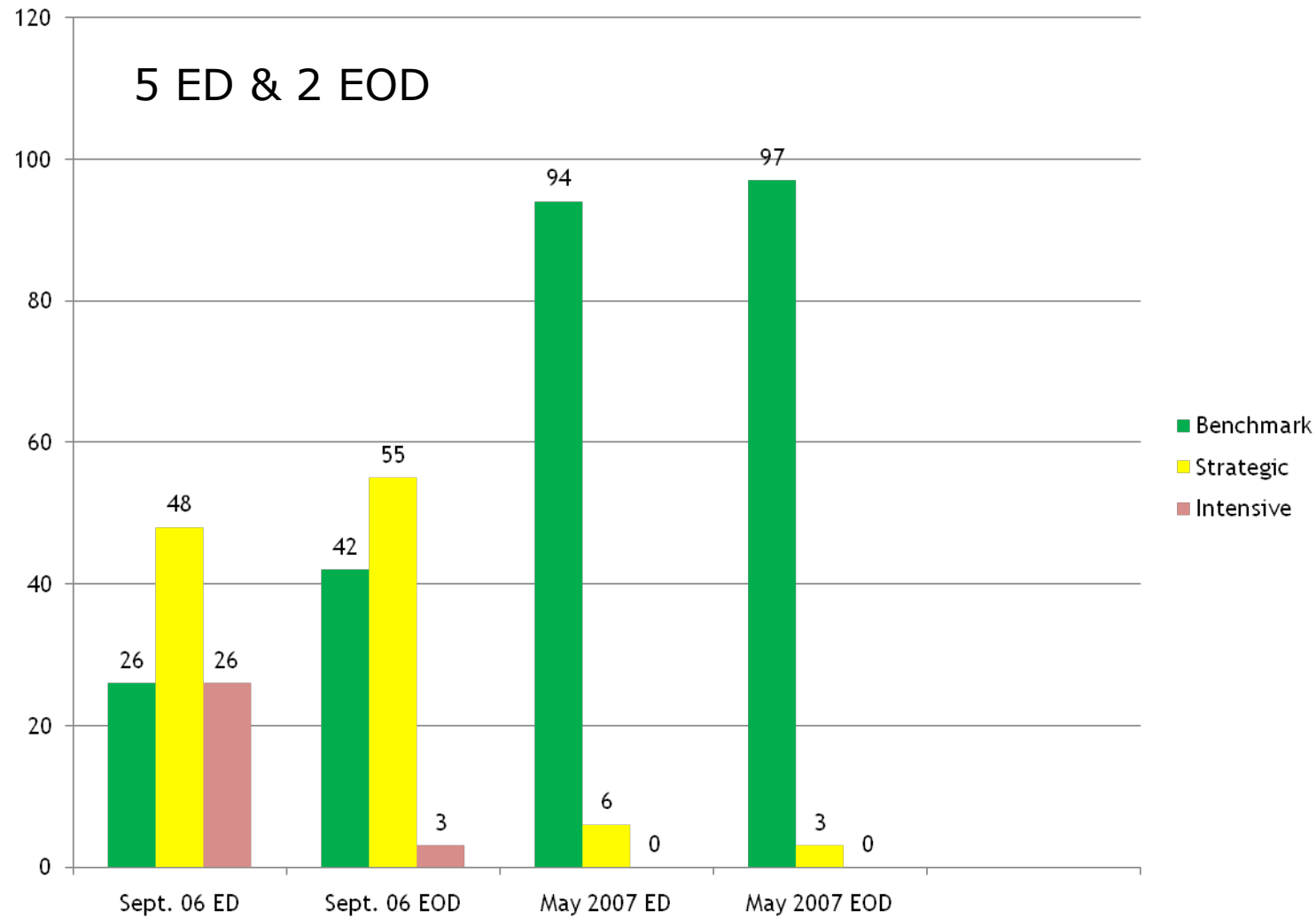
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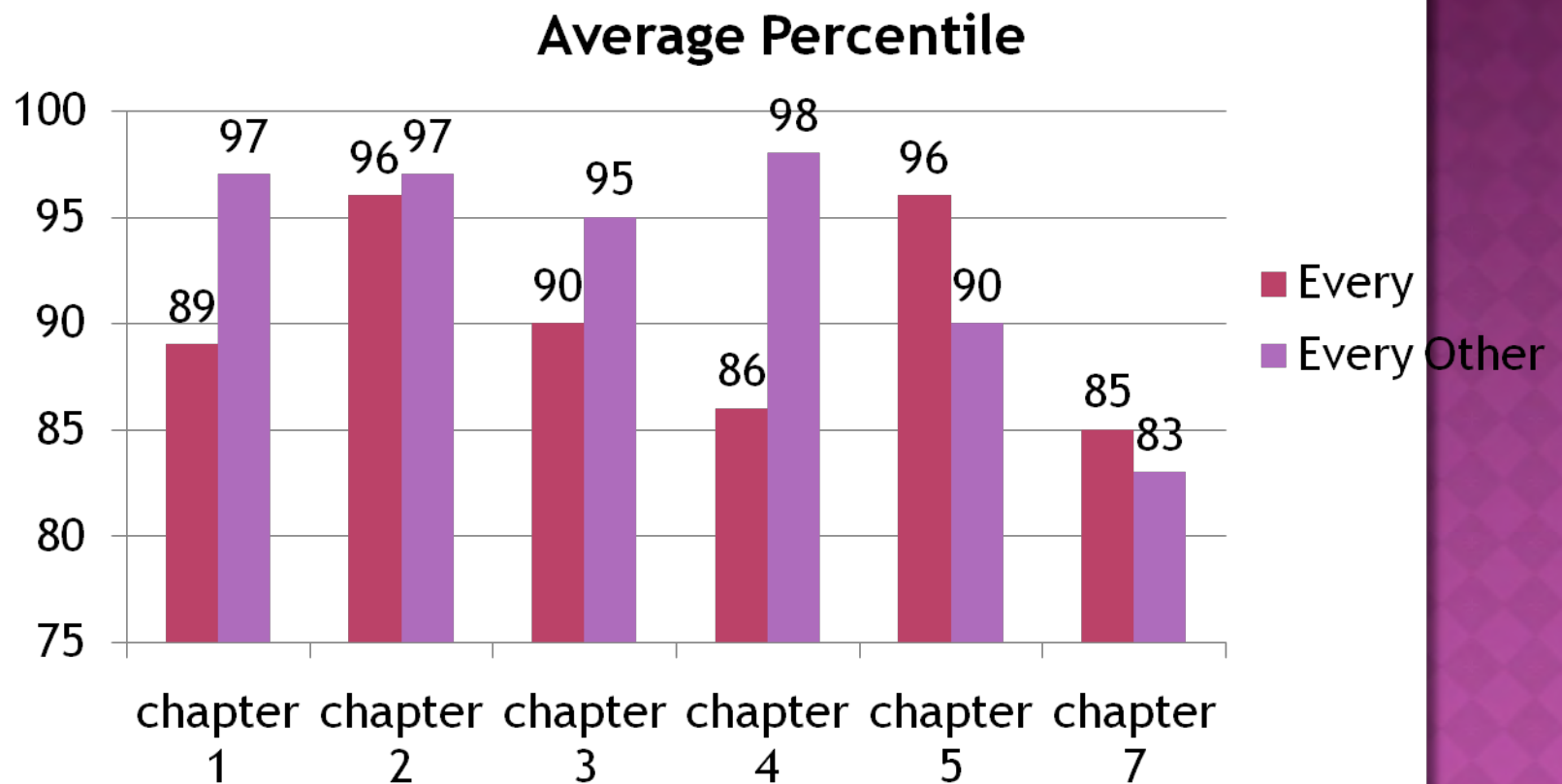
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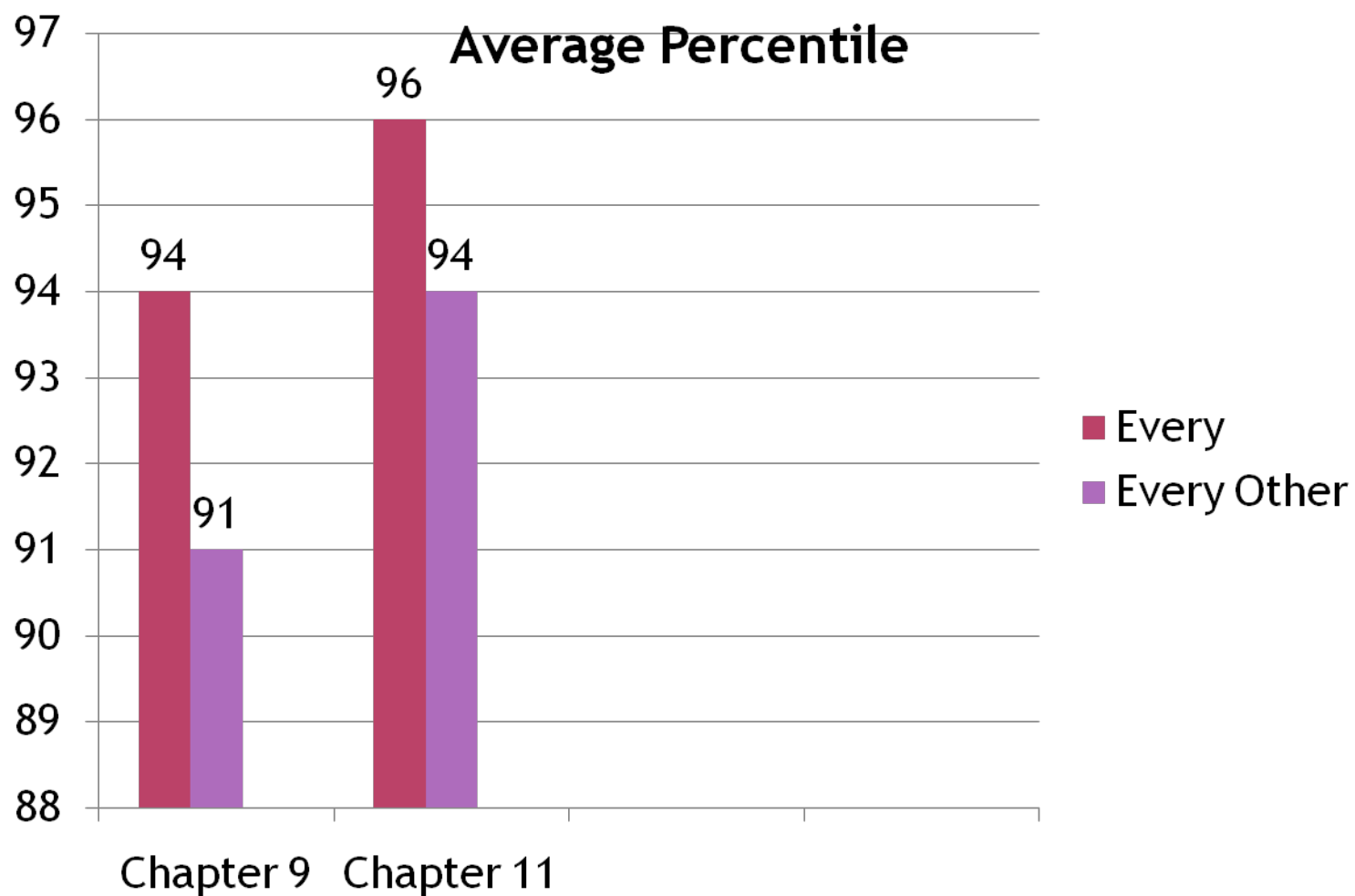
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# 2006-07 HARCOURT MATH DATA



# 06-07 HARCOURT MATH DATA CONT.



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June						
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	No School Days
	Blue Group
	Yellow Group
	No Kindergarten Classes due to Kindergarten Screening

# TYPICAL EVERY DAY SCHEDULE

- ◉ 8:20-8:30 Attendance, lunch count, pledge, song
- ◉ 8:30-10:00 Reading Block
- ◉ 10:00-10:15 Recess
- ◉ 10:15-11:10 Math Block
- ◉ 11:10-11:20 Prepare for lunch
- ◉ 11:20-12:05 Lunch and recess
- ◉ 12:05-12:55 Reading review and enrichment activities
- ◉ (12:30 departure for ½ day students)
- ◉ 12:55-1:30- workshop, computer lab, math tubs
- ◉ 1:30-1:55 Science, Soc. St., Show & Tell
- ◉ 1:55-2:10 recess
- ◉ 2:20-2:50 Music, PE, Workshop, Library
- ◉ 2:50 Prepare for dismissal
- ◉ 3:05 Dismissal

Additional Time is used to deepen, not broaden, the curriculum. Interventions and extensions are also provided for our students during the afternoon.




## A FEW LESSONS LEARNED....

- ◉ Change takes time....be sure you allow plenty of time for your community to recognize and accept
- ◉ Exhaust all methods of getting information about your new program out to all taxpayers. Keep them informed of your progress during the year.
- ◉ Be clear...no 'educationalese'
- ◉ This, alone, is not the missing link. What about grades 1-5? 6-8? 9-12?

## MORE LESSONS LEARNED....

- ◉ Professional development for your staff....planning time together...biweekly grade level meetings
- ◉ Monitor progress constantly....plan for potholes and find ways around them
- ◉ Be flexible....your plan will undergo some change after the year begins...that's cool.

## AND EVEN MORE LESSONS LEARNED....

- ◉ Two years....160 kindergartners in all day classes....no naps needed (although I've requested them a few times ) 
- ◉ All students (and staff) are tired in p.m. first 6 weeks...adjustment time
- ◉ Throughout the year, keep in mind why you set off down this road. It's good for kids.....bottom line.
- ◉ Don't miss out...join them at the lunch table from time to time!

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## ■ QUESTIONS

